

## Missouri Department of Natural Resources

# Soft Drink Bottle Hummingbird Feeder

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Hummingbirds can easily be attracted to a feeder. Children can make a hummingbird feeder from a nonreturnable glass soft drink bottle and a coat hanger.

#### **Materials**

Nonreturnable glass soft drink bottle, 16 or 20 oz. size Wire coat hanger Wire cutters Pliers One-eighth inch drill bit

#### **Directions**

Cut the hook and twisted portion from the coat hanger. Bend the remaining wire around the soft drink bottle (see illustration). Bend a hook on one end of the wire to hang the bottle. Bend the other end of the wire next to the bottle cap to form a perch for the hummingbird.

Hold drill bit firmly with pliers. With cap still on bottle, drill one hole by turning the bottle. Drill only one hole into the center of the bottle cap. Now fill the bottle about three-quarters full with sugar water. Hang the feeder in a place where it can be seen from a window.

### **Sugar Water Recipe**

Put one cup sugar in a quart jar. Fill the jar with water. Stir the sugar and water until the sugar is dissolved. The sugar water is now ready to feed to hummingbirds. Store the extra water in the refrigerator.

#### For more information

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